

To: Attendees at the West Valley Phase 1 Study Process Public Meeting
From: The Keystone Center, Meeting Facilitators
Date: March 9, 2011
Subject: **Summary of the February 23, 2011 Meeting**

Attending

Lynn Bennett, Barry Boyer, Chris Crawford, Pat Concannon, Diane D'Arrigo, Chris Gerwitz, Chelsea Gerwitz, Kim Gerwitz, Chad Glenn, Joanne Hameister, Justin Karter, Tom Killeen, Paul Kranz, Lee Lambert, Kathy McGoldrick, Anthony Memmo, David O'Hehir, Andy Park, John Rendall, Matt Sargeant, Bill Schaab, Warren Schmidt, Bill Snyder, Ray Vaughan, Barbara Warren, Dennis Weiss, Lynn Winterberger, Sonja Allen, Charles Biedermann, John Chamberlain, KK Gupta Zintars Zadins

Facilitators

Niki Koszalka, Jeremy Kranowitz, Doug Thompson

Agency Participants

NYSERDA: Tom Attridge, Paul Bembia, Lee Gordon, Andrea Mellon, Dave Munro

DOE: Bryan Bower, Jen Dundas, Marty Krentz, Moira Maloney, Ben Underwood,

Welcome and Introductions

The presenters, public and facilitators introduced themselves.

Overview of Phase 1 Studies

DOE and NYSERDA made a presentation on the Phase 1 Study Process and Potential Areas of Study (PAS).

Potential Areas of Study and Activities

- In order to facilitate agency consensus, DOE and NYSERDA will jointly conduct additional scientific studies, with costs evenly split.
- DOE and NYSERDA will respond to written comments submitted by the public on the Phase 1 Study process.
- Technical experts will be available during public meetings in person or via telephone to answer questions and field comments.
- Issues of funding for the WVDP were discussed.
- The prioritization of Potential Areas of Study (PAS) was discussed including assessing impacts on other PAS and the main priority to get PAS underway quickly.
- Additional potential areas of study (PAS) were discussed including:
 - Cost and benefit of both removal and close in place alternatives

- Climate change and its effects on erosion
- Public input to the Phase 1 Study process was discussed.
- Incorporating best practices from other government efforts, such as the Great Lakes water model and the NY Power Authority relicensing process in Niagara was discussed.
- The creation of a mission or guidance statement that would allow for each study to be “tested” to see how it contributes to the identification of the feasibility, cost, benefit and risk associated with the alternatives of the EIS was discussed.

Subject Matter Experts and the Independent Science Panel

- Potential SME and some ISP candidates have been identified, but final selections have not been made nor have any contracts been issued.
- SME may include DOE/NYSERDA staff, EIS preparers/reviewers, and candidates new to this process. The public is encouraged to submit candidate recommendations.
- Once the SME/ISP have been selected, the public will be informed at a public meeting.
- The SME will retain integrity throughout the process. The public was urged to submit further questions, concerns, or comments on this topic in writing to DOE and NYSERDA.
- The SME meetings will not be open to the public, nor will DOE or NYSERDA be in attendance to ensure their independence.
- In accordance with the Second Supplemental Agreement, DOE and NYSERDA will discuss preliminary results and share final validated study results, reports etc. of the SME with the public. SME will be available to answer questions and discuss concerns.
- The ISP will be a three-member panel made up of “science statesmen” types, such as members of the National Academy of Science, able to mediate any differences between SME and offer independent views.
- ISP are not intended to be experts in all the disciplines but are well versed-in both diplomacy and science to help the various SME groups move toward consensus.
- Members of the ISP will be available at public meetings to field questions and hear comments.

- While the ISP and the SME will be technical experts in various scientific fields, DOE and NYSERDA retain the authority for making final decisions.

Contracts, Facilitation, and Future Meetings

- The length of contracts for the SME, ISP or facilitators, has not been established. Any suggestions from the public are welcome.
- The Keystone Center has a short-term contract through DOE to facilitate this meeting and is a candidate to be the facilitator moving forward.
- The value in having independent mediators involved in the ISP process was discussed including candidates that are respected scientists that can help SME come to consensus.
- There will no longer be Core Team meetings, as the function of that group is complete.
- There will be regular meetings with regulatory agencies
- The summary notes of this meeting will be made available in draft form as soon as possible.
- Written questions/comments from this meeting will be due to DOE/NYSERDA by March 25, 2011.
- DOE and NYSERDA will consider establishing a website to host documents and information for this project.
- DOE and NYSERDA will consider having the public meetings webcast.

Next Meeting

Date is to be determined and depends on the schedules of the Citizens Task Force (CTF) and the Coalition of West Valley Waste. Once the date is known, it will be distributed to all interested parties.

Note: Participants must be U.S. citizens and have photo identification. Please contact Jeremy Kranowitz (202-452-1594, jkranowitz@keystone.org) with questions or comments concerning this summary or future meetings.